

Philadelphia 4th Augt. 1777

Dear Wm.

I received your two favors of the 25th, last
I thank you — I agree with you that the off
of Ticonderoga is the most disgraceful affair which
has happened to us during the course of this war.

— an enquiry will be made into the affair, & if
Loring is determined to recuse any General Officer
there and make them accountable for their
conduct — I suppose General Gates will
be commanded there — I have no doubt
if the New England people earnestly desire the
Mr. Burgoyne will pay severely for his temerity
— if they do not they will much deserve all
the bad consequence that may follow.

— I can assure at all to know where Mr. Howe is
he has disappeared since last Thursday evening from these
Coasts. The world has been much surprised at his
going back to New York in order to operate on the
N. River he has had time enough to have done
there and we to have heard of it here — our purpose
is to ascertain up the N. River that should
nothing can be otherwise by way of surprise and

we shall soon have time enough to inform them before my
friends operation can take place. - we can from this
city, thus the two great objects in the country are屏
against any sudden stroke. - The junction of the two armis
by the bay of the North River would be providing of
greater & certain strength to Mr Howe and deparavtys
to the westward than any other place. - But with
the next greatest obis. in our security

If you in God be not placed in neither of those and
the enemy Lain in not --- the junction of Bensenville
and Howe by either Mapachy or at New Haven & there
will in my opinion be impracticable. - I am
wishes he would attempt it. - However as he has not been
heard of so long I think it probable he is gone to
the eastward and would wish you to be on your
Guard. - If he emmly sets down there will then
follow him, but not without the earliest notice
ought to be sent to the General of his appearance
- with respect to the Generals with his precipitate

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you will find that both the import and
he has done it - is it possible they can not see
the abolute ~~need~~ ^{need} of leading in ^{over} ^{now} hope
Howe is not taken and happy to hear who know

of America that he since took the Fox Enclosure - it
would be a happy circumstance if our Agents would
never fight but with a superior force - The taking
the Fox and keeping her would have been a
considerable triumph to America and have given
her a splendid influence - The taking of
many is my pleasure, but not otherwise by
any means - You will want for camp
two good ladders, one good step and one for your
Lew and portmanteau - a good halter
too large for a horse - 2 coats - 2 hats
2 breeches - uniform leather, thin unlined ones
in the summer - hats are said don't bring so
many cloths - and chains that will stand
in chairs and beds - 2 mats - 2 blankets
Rugs - cups - &c - a chest of complete set of
table and tea gear all of polished black tin, to
hold bad case bottles - and your table rum
a leather pair of lanterns made in the form
a somewhat spruce, to fit over your portmanteau
for April March - the fadlers can tell
what time it is and measure the distance
where you will know as well as any person in
America - trust to getting nothing to the fadlers
but for yourself private about my business
Henry

Colonel Harry Jackson

Boston

Mr. ~~Steph.~~

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Letter from
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